

English 1: Unit 03

Writing Appetizer

Purpose: Writing Appetizers serve to help students develop writing fluency and voice while generating ideas for future writing.

Description: The writing appetizer is a short 5-10 minute exercise to get the students to generate ideas for future writing endeavors. This will help students see that they need a unifying message for the essays they will write. It is recommended that within this time, students are given the opportunity to share their ideas with a partner or with the class. Having an audience is an important part of being a writer.

Option 1- Continue the use of pictures and phrases to promote writing.

Project a photograph and closely related quote as the students enter the room. Identify the expectation for the appetizer and instruct students to begin immediately upon entering. It is recommended that you set a timer for no more than 10 minutes to ensure that there is adequate time for the Reading component.

Option 2- Create journal entry prompts for students to respond to that are based on the application of the principles in the Independent Reading (strategies for self-improvement).

Create journal entry prompts (these will need to be displayed) for students to discuss or respond to in the designated portion of the Writer's Notebook. This is an excellent way to promote application of self-improvement concepts in students.